



**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** May  
**Serial No:** 09/716,616  
**Filing Date:** 11/20/00  
**Title:** Method and Apparatus for Controlling Power Consumption of an Integrated Circuit

**Examiner:** Riley, S  
**Art Group:** 2838  
**Docket No:** SIG000039

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Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

#4/Response  
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In response to an Office Action mailed on 5/8/01 regarding the above-captioned patent application, the applicant respectfully submits the following amendment and response.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 7-11, 14, 16, and 18 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Reents (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,627); and claims 1, 2, 7-11, 14, 16, and 18 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Jackson (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,674). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 11, 12, 18, and 19 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner objected to claims 3 - 6, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 20 - 23 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the claims from which it depends. These rejections and objections have been traversed and, as such, the applicant